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April 16, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, Hosston B Zone and
Hosston C Zone, BRYCELAND FIELD, Bienville
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, the Hosston B Zone and the Hosston C Zone, all in Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A
Hosston B Zone and Hosston C Zone

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Brown 24 No. 1 Well as the substitute unit well for HOSS A RA SUJ, HOSS B SUD and for HOSS C SUL, at the location shown on attached plats.
2. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Tilley 26 No. 1 and 2 Wells as alternate unit wells for HOSS A SUK, HOSS B SUB and for HOSS C SUM, at the locations shown on attached plats, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 145-B, effective December 9, 1971.
3. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its KMI 23 No. 2 Well as an alternate unit well for HOSS A RA SUL and for HOSS B SUA, at the location shown on attached plats, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 145-B, effective December 9, 1971.

6. To approve the downhole combination of production from the Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; the Hosston B Zone and the Hosston C Zone, or any combination thereof, in the wellbores of the proposed wells, and in the wellbores of any existing or subsequently drilled well located on the units on which these wells are proposed to be drilled.

7. To designate Applicant as operator of HOSS A SUJ.

8. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

Hosston C Zone

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston C Zone, such unit being shown on an attached plat and being designated HOSS C SUN.

2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

3. To designate Applicant as Operator of the proposed additional unit.

4. To designate the El Paso Production Company--KMI 23 No. 2 Well, at the location shown on an attached plat, as the unit well for the proposed additional unit, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 145-B, effective December 9, 1971.

5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 145-B, effective December 9, 1971, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 145-B series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit.

6. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, in Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 145-B, effective December 9, 1971, and was further

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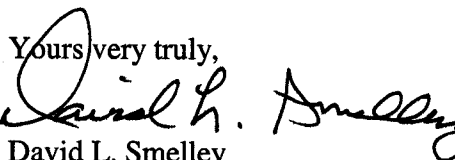
Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated April 4, 2003, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set April 24, 2003, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the pre-application conference was received; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the three (3) unit plats (which are identical to the unit plats attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bryceland Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

Attorney for El Paso Production Company

HOSS A SU F
SU F
WEST
10504
15

BRICELAND

17N-6W
14
HOSS A SU B

WESTERN
WILLAMETTE
1A
9710

HOSS A SU A

13
CROW WILTON
VENNON BRICE
1
7980

17N-6W
18
HOSS A

HOSS A SU G

(WEST
BRICELAND)
22

PROBLES HILLO
TAYLOR T H
1
9021

HOSS A RA SU L

23

SONAT
(BARNETT)
CONTINENTAL C
1
9350

EL PASO
(SONAT)
(HARVEY PROBLES)
KRI 23
1
9042

SONAT
EXERCISE H
1
9762

HOSS A RA SU J

SOUTHERN NAT
ROBERTS J 1
24
1
7991

EL PASO
BROWN 24
1

EL PASO
(SONAT)
(SMITH)
IDLEY
A-1
1
9600

HOSS A RA

MURPHY C H JM
PIPES 6
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EL PASO
PIPES 6
6324

19

EL PASO
(SONAT)
(SMITH)
PIPES
19-2
6327

MURPHY C H
PIPES 6

HOSS A SU K

FALCONER
(WILTON CROW)
WITLEY T J
26
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8216

EL PASO
TILLEY 26
775 FNL 3-ALT
1700 FNL
1

EL PASO
TILLEY 26
385 FNL 1-ALT
1000 FNL
1

VENNON FALCONER
(WILSON)
CONTINENTAL C
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9500

HOSS A SU I

MURPHY
HART
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8502

O'WINTER
(SONAT)
COMBINGS
1-ALT
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O'WINTER
(BLACKBIRD)
WILLAMETTE CROW
1-ALT
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O'WINTER
(BLACKBIRD)
FURCH
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(BEAR CREEK)

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B-1
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EL PASO
(SONAT)
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(BEAR CREEK)

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(SONAT)
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BAILEY JL
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(BEAR CREEK)

EL PASO
(SONAT)
LOE
36
10276

(BEAR CREEK)

LEGEND

HOSS A UNITS, AS PER 145-B
SERIES OF ORDERS

UNIT WELL

ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

REMOVED FROM BASE

EL PASO
(SONAT)
PIPES
A-1
9700

EXHIBIT NO.

elpaso

BF

BD

PROPOSED SUB

HOSS A

LOUIS

HOSS B SU F
WEST
15

17N-6W
14
HOSS B SU B-2

HOSS B SU A-2
13

17N-
18
HOSS B

BRUCELAND

HOSS B SU B-2

HOSS B SU A-2
13

HOSS B

HOSS B SU G

HOSS B SU A

HOSS B SU D

WEST
BRYCELAND

22

23

HOSS B SU D

24-
7901

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BRUCELAND
TAVLER T H

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6350

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EL PASO
RMI 23
ALT 2

600 FSL
1800 FEL

VERNON FALCONER
(KENSANTO)
CONTINENTAL C

0' BRLEN
(BLACKHND)
FUTCH

MURPHY C H
PIRES 0

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(SONAT)
(SONAT)
PIRES

19-2 ALT
9027

HOSS B
SU K

HOSS B SU B

HOSS B SU C

HOSS B RA
(BEAR CR)

27

26

25

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EL PASO
(SONAT)
MOSELEY
10540

SONAT
WHITLEY
B-1
5417

EL PASO
(SONAT)
WHITLEY
B-2
10490

0' BRLEN
(SONAT)
CHIMINOS
10400

0' BRLEN
(BLACKHND)
WILLAMETTE CON CAN
1-ALT
5502 7827

EL PASO
(SONAT)
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EXHIBIT NO.

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(BEAR CREEK)

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RA SU P
(BEAR CREEK)

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(SONAT)
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EL PASO
(SONAT)
LIE
10340

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HOSS B RA SU X
(BEAR CREEK)

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UNIT WELL

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

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BRUCELAND

HOSS B SU G
WEST
BRUCELAND
CONTINENTAL CAN CO.

17N-6W
PETROLEUMS
WYOMING
1A

HOSS C SU B
FIRST NAT'L BANK OF ARIZONA
14

HOSS C SU N
KM 23 NO.2
+/- 640 ACRES

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KMI
SIGNAL (SQUAT)
CONTINENTAL C
KMI 23
EL PASO (SQUAT)
BROTHERS
KMI 23

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BROTHERS HOLD
TAYLOR T H
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SIGNAL (SQUAT)
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EL PASO (SQUAT)
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CHARLES E. CONNORS, d d
LALAMINTE, INC.
HENRY C. SUTTON, d d
STEVE DLEE

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